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THE CENTER FOR KNOWLEDGE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING.
Records (1975-78)

The "Center for Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning" owed its existence to an NILECJ (National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice) grant. The grant, awarded to the Hudson Institute, was for the purpose of surveying all relevant research on the impact of programmatic intervention on recidivism. The end product of the project was to be an information base that would help answer the questions of practitioners and criminal justice planners responsible for decisions concerning appropriate and cost-effective programs for offenders. The title of the funded project was "Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning"; the locus of activity on the project was the "Center for Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning". The project was an extension of a controversial earlier effort that had reviewed research in this area for the period 1945-67 (see Praeger publication cited below).

The primary researchers associated with the "Center" and with the parent project were Robert Martinson (Director of the "Center" and Principal Investigator for the project) and Judith Wilks (Associate Director of the "Center" and Technical Consultant for the project). Martinson and Wilks had been two of the three co-authors of The Effectiveness of Correctional Treatment: a Survey of Treatment Evaluation Studies (Praeger 1975), and both had academic experience and criminal justice agency consulting in their backgrounds.

Correspondence and consultation files indicate that the "Center" always had some small measure of life outside the parameters of the initiating grant; the 1977 partnership records (File #6) testify to an intent to continue the "Center" after the grant's expiration. Although a promising and widely reviewed Preliminary report (File #28) was issued on schedule in October 1976, neither the sought for continuity for the "Center" nor the completion of the project's final report came about. Administrative difficulties can be implied from materials in the collection. Martinson's death in 1979 and the dispersal of other staff make the possibility of any full reconstruction of the situation unlikely, although Louis Genevie of the CUNY Graduate Center is continuing some aspects of the study.

The collection consists of the records of the "Center", of the project, and of those Martinson and Wilks papers that were physically housed in the "Center" offices. As might be expected the major portion of the material is project related. The administration of the project and its procedures are well documented; the several thousand documents produced by the systematic search for "all relevant research" are available in their original order with indexes supplying multiple access points; the coding sheets for the analyzed documents fill 4 file drawers. The tapes produced from the coded information are not part of the collection. Martinson continued working

with material after the project's formal demise and the tapes and supplementary files are currently at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

The agreement with Martinson and the John Jay College Library provided that the materials that formed the "Center's" reference library would be integrated into the college's general collection while those materials directly associated with the project would be housed as a separate research collection. This finding-aid refers only to the research collection. Questions relating to the nature of the "Center's" library can be answered through the carefully kept logs and Indexes; the catalog of the college library can be consulted for the location of any particular items. The small collection of Martinson papers (File #68-84) are open to qualified researchers; the Wilks paper are not.

The three principal Record groups in the collection are the Records of the "Center for Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning", the Robert Martinson Papers, and the Judith Wilks Papers. A summary of the collections arrangement precedes the more detailed file and box inventory.

ARRANGEMENT SUMMARY

- I. Center for Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning.
Records (1975-78)
 - A. Administration
 - B. Consultation: National Council of Crime and Delinquency ('77)
 - C. Articles, speeches, testimony ... and related Correspondence.
 - D. "Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning" Project (LEAA grant #NI-76-99-0023)
- II. Robert Martinson (1927-79). Papers (1974-77)
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Books, articles, papers: Correspondence and related materials
 - C. Deterrence Proposal
 - D. Fishman - Zimmering exchange
- III. Judith Wilks. Papers (no access at present)

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File #

Record Group I: "Center for Knowledge
in Criminal Justice Planning", Records
(1975-78)

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A. Administration

1. Correspondence
 - 1 a. General ('75-'78)
 - 2 b. NCCD ('75-'78)
 - 3 c. Publishers ('76-'77)
 - 4 d. re "Save Parole Supervision"
(7/77 article)
 - 5 e. re UDIS evaluation ('78)
- 6 2. Partnership records ('77)
- 7 3. Fiscal records
 - 7 a. Budget
 - 8 b. Tax; audit; misc. items
 - 9 c. Group insurance
 - 10 d. NFIS order book
- 11 4. Internal Memoranda
- 12 5. Personnel
- 13 6. Visitors ledger
- 14 7. Miscellaneous
 - 14 a. State Planning Agency
addresses
 - 15 b. Publisher addresses
 - 16 c. Stationery and form letter
samples

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B. NCCD Consultations

- 17 1. Coordinating Assessment Center
- 18 2. Employee theft
- 19 3. Survey of correctional facilities
and projection of needs.

C. Articles, speeches, testimony...
and related correspondence.

- 20 1. R. Martinson ('75-'78)
- 21 2. R. Martinson & J. Wilks (75-'77)
- 22 3. J. Wilks ('76-'77)
- 23 4. Stray pages from unidentified
reports

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>File #</u>	<u>Record Group I: "Center..." (cont.)</u>
3	(cont.)	<u>D. "Knowledge in Criminal Justice Planning" project (#N176-99-0023)</u>
		1. Grant administrative files
	24	a. Proposal and related correspondence ('75-'77)
	25	b. Advisory Committee
	26	c. Quarterly reports
	27	d. Staff meeting minutes (including cassette tape of meeting after issuance of Preliminary Report)
		e. Preliminary Report (10/76)
	28	1. Report
	29	2. Requests for copies ('77-'78)
	30	3. Media response
	31	4. "Data from the Martinson/Wilks study" : Karen Morell paper, 5/18/77
		f. Subject Files (A-Z)
	32	1. Abstracts of Criminal Justice projects
	33	2. Articles: general
	34	3. Articles: methodology
	35	4. Expense and crime data
	36	5. FBI statistics
	37	6. Ford Social Control Team
	38	7. Loans returned without logging
	39	8. Media attention
	40	9. NCCD: Retrieval of information
	41	10. Safe Streets Act.
	42	11. University of Washington project
		2. Log Books
		a. Letters of inquiry
	43	1. A-D
	44	2. E-M
	45	3. N-Z (missing)
5	46	4. Responses (A-Z)
		b. Document Orders
	47	1. A-J
	48	2. K-Z
	49	c. Journals
		d. Documents: Author Logs
	50	1. A-L
	51	2. M-Z
		e. Documents: Numeric Logs
	52	1. # 1-1944
	53	2. # 1962 - 3415
		f. On-going projects
	54	1. Log book format
	55	2. Loose leaf format

<u>Box #</u>	<u>File #</u>	<u>Record Group I: "Center ..." (cont.)</u>
		<u>D. "Knowledge ..." (cont.)</u>
6		3. Procedures
	56	a. Office manual
	57	b. Code book
	58	c. Coding instructions
	59	d. Retrieval process
	60	e. Programming: Drafts
		f. Work forms:
	61	1. Annotation form development
	62	2. Sample forms
	63	3. Sample graphic presentations
7	64	4. Sample print-outs
		4. Indexes
	65	a. Master index
	66	b. Numeric index (analyzed documents circled)
	67	c. Misc. partial indexes
8-96		5. Documents
		a. "B" Series #001-4213: Offender based recidivism studies.
97-129		b. "C" Series #0173-4202: Basis for a research study with other than recidivism as the dependent variable.
		6. Coding files #0002-9323
		7. Miscellaneous
		a. Draft tables and worksheets (unidentified)
		b. Document #3101 - Unidentified Series

File
Drawers
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Record Group II: Robert Martinson
Papers (1974-77)

As stated in the introduction to the collection as a whole, this series contains only those Martinson papers that were housed in the "Center ..." offices. The coverage of Martinson's activities therefore is sparse. A good deal of the correspondence relates to articles Martinson wrote on criminal justice themes: some of it substantive but much of it is simple requests for copies. The files related to the Lipton, Martinson, Wilks book, The effectiveness of correctional treatment, are more substantial and include materials that recreate its controversial impact.

Among this latter material is a taped debate between Martinson and Paul Hahn, Chairman of the Dept. of Corrections at Xavier University in Cincinnati (File #76). The tape presents highlights of a debate at the Fourth National Conference on Juvenile Justice and addresses many of the issues raised in both the book and the Preliminary Report (File #28) of the project.

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A. Correspondence: general ('74-'75)B. Books, Articles, Papers: Correspondence and related materials

1. "What works? Questions and answers about prison reform" (Public Interest, Spring '74)

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a. Article and commentaries

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b. Correspondence ('74-'75)

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2. "Myth of treatment and the reality of life process" (Paper, 4/74)

3. Effectiveness of correctional treatment (Book '75)

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a. general correspondence ('74-'78)

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b. Publisher and attorney Correspondence ('73-77)

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c. Manuscript pages

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d. Print-out

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e. Reviews (including taped Hahn/Martinson debate at 4th National Conference on Juvenile Justice)

77

f. Sol Chaneles controversy

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4. "60 minutes" (TV appearance 8/75)

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5. "Incapacitation/Deterrence Conundrum" (paper '75)

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6. "Consultant Committee on Corrections Report" ('76-Martinson et al)

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C. Deterrence proposal (1975)

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D. Fishman-Zimmering exchange (1975)

Box # File # Record Group II: Martinson ... (cont.)

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E. Miscellaneous

1. AFSC Seminar Program (3/75)

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2. "Crime deterrence and
offender career": Stationary
Samples

Record Group III: Judith Wilks Papers
(no access at this time)

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A. Onondaga County Study

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B. Personal papers

E. Rowland

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